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SUBJECT: ROK PRESS NOTES KIM IL SUNG

REMARKS ON US FORCES

1. ROK PRESS HAS GIVEN MODERATE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO SEPT. 13 ASAHI SHINBUN ACCOUNT OF KIM IL-SUNG-NARITA CONVERSATION IN WHICH KIM REPORTEDLY HINTED THAT HE MIGHT FOR TIME BEING ACCEPT PRESENCE US FORCES IN ROK UNDER BILATERAL US-ROK DEFENSE TREATY AS OPPOSED TO US FORCES IN ROK UNDER UN.
2. ACTUAL QUOTE BY KIM IS OBSCURE IN ROK PRESS ACCOUNTS. PRESS INSTEAD EMPHASIZED INFERENCE DRAWN BY ASAHI THAT KIM RECOGNIZES A CLEAR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US FORCES PRESENCE AND QUOTE UN FORCES UNQUOTE.
3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS KIM SAID TO NARITA THAT THE US CANNOT BE AN ENEMY FOREVER AND THAT PRESENT HOSTILE POLICIES COULD BE CHANGED IF A PEACE TREATY IS SIGNED.
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